

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON
September 2010 Fall Picnic and General Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, September 9, 2010

Cdr Carolyn Bowen called the Meeting to Order at 1800 at the Group Site 2 at The Lakedale Resort.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Ed Ferro.

A Moment of Silence was asked for, to remember those who perished on 9/11.

The Minutes of the General Meeting for May 8, 2010, Spring Picnic on Turn Island, was approved as posted on the website.

Guests introduced were Cdr Carolyn's Fresno High School friend, Linda and husband Mike Clark (now San Juan Residents and ABC students), Dave and Carol Good's niece, Amanda, from Atlanta, and guests of the DiChristina's, Eric Bienenstock and daughter Marina, of The Bean, coffee shop.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO — Marc Forlenza remarked that we now have over 200 members. He commented on the return of Virgil Boyt, vessel examiner extraordinaire, who is quickly working to regain his place in the VE Century Club; those with 100 or more Vessel Safety Checks in a year. Marc asked everyone to keep the Holiday Auction in mind and set aside items to donate to the Squadron for this important fundraiser.

SEO — Travis Smith was unavailable as he is on the National Nor'westing Cruise. Ann Einboden reported that the ABC Course will be offered at Skagit Valley College beginning Oct. 2 for 3 Saturday mornings (Oct. 2, Oct. 9 and Oct. 16). Watch for the ads and posters. Marine Electrical Systems will begin Sept. 21st, 6 to 10 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for four weeks at Mike Close's shop. The class size is being limited to eight.

AO — with Gary Parker's recent resignation due to a family situation, this position is currently vacant.

Treasurer Dan Watson was not available and Carolyn gave his Ex/Com report of \$1,718.28 in checking and the Certificate of Deposit as of Aug. 13th was \$2,625.49.

Secretary (Jan Ferro for Penny) No report, other than to ask for Don's last name due to a Senior Moment...

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson read the long list of new members and then asked Judy Mio, Rock Sorensen and Phil Coose to step forward for Induction and swearing in with everyone joining in, in the Pledge.

Membership Involvement—Steve Percer was unavailable.

VSC —Burke Critchfield announced that over 200 VSCs have been completed.

Safety Officer—Ed Ferro asked everyone to read the article in the upcoming Harbor Lights concerning power cords, a number one cause of boat fires and a reminder that most boats sink while at the dock.

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden reported earlier under SEO's report.

Old Business:

Flare Shoot (Saturday, May 22nd)—P/C Marc Forlenza - This was a success until the rain came in. Most attending were members and repeats so we should find a new activity for Safe Boating Week.

4th of July Parade—P/C Marc Forlenza commented on it's success and thanked the Ferros for the use of their HarberCraft with Ed's great polishing job.

Predicted Log (Saturday, June 12th)—P/C Fred Bowen commented on "Double your Pleasure" "as they had twice as many boats this year... it was a Hoot! Bish Wheeler placed first overall.

Pig War (July 9-11)—P/C Fred Bowen was pleased to show off the trophy won by a challenge to some answers on a lengthy quiz as well as a competitive game of bocce ball. As we are hosts for this coming year, it will be at Roche Harbor next summer.

New Business:

Nor'Westing 2010, Friday, Sept. 10th, at the Fairgrounds, P/C Fred Bowen — The Cocktail Hour is 5:30 to 7:00 and the bar and ship's store will be manned by any available Bridge and Ex/Com. Members are invited to show up in red shirts and hats to mingle with the cruising guests. This cruise follows the National meetings in Bellevue representing 450 of the national squadrons. There are 58 boats and 218 cruising members of USPS on the cruise.

Members are invited to attend Ex/Com meetings. Nominating Committee Chair—P/C Fred Bowen, remarked that the Power Squadron has a mission of Education and Safety, while the Yacht Club functions as a social boating group.

Dave Good, as Editor of Harbor Lights, announced the September issue is in process and that he is doing a total of 5 issues this year. The number of pages are being limited while it is hoped the content offers more quality. The WebSite needs photos of member's boats. (Note: Dave needs digital photos to be at least 150 dpi)

Other Business:

Cdr Carolyn Bowen presented Certificates to Bill and Rebbie Bates for their work in Cooperative Charting at Roche Harbor. Commander's Coins were presented to the Bates for their work in developing a Quiz for the Nor'Westing Cruise. Ed and Jan Ferro received Commander's Coins for using their boat as part of the 4th of July Parade.

Next General Meeting, the Grange, Thursday, October 7 (speaker TBD)
Adjournment was about 1900 and people were excused to have dinner.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Ferro, Assistant Secretary.